

**McDonald Creek, Pixley Creek & Yankee Bill
Cattle & Horse Allotments
Mountain City Ranger District
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest**

2016 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

- PERMITTEE: Simplot Livestock Company

**MCDONALD CREEK C&H, PIXLEY CREEK C&H, and YANKEE BILL C&H
*PERMITTED USE***

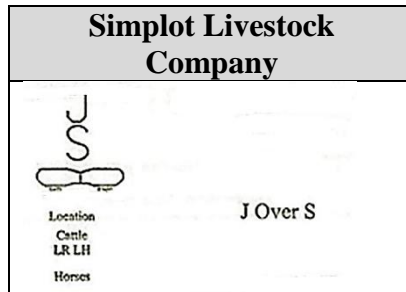
Allotment	Numbers/class	Season	Head Months
McDonald Creek C&H	485 cow/calf	JUN 20-SEP 19	1465
Pixley Creek C&H	450 cow/calf	JUN 25- OCT 9	1584
Yankee Bill C&H	435 cow/calf	JUL 5- OCT 4	1314

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*AUTHORIZED USE***

Allotment	Numbers/Class	Unit	Season	Head Month
*Pixley Creek C&H	370 Cow/Calf	Allegheny Creek	JUN 25-AUG 4	1584
		Dip Creek	AUG 5-OCT 9	
McDonald Creek C&H	400 Cow/Calf	Big Bottom	JUN 20-JUL 20	1465
		Hold Pasture	REST	
		McDonald	JUL 21-AUG 15	
		Big Table/Robinson	AUG 16-SEP 19	
		Hold Pasture	REST	
*Yankee Bill C&H	350 Cow/Calf	Walker	JUL 5- AUG 20	1314
		Merritt	AUG 21- OCT 4	
		Riparian	REST	
Non-Use				
Pack& Saddle Stock				

* Both Pixley Creek C&H and Yankee Bill C&H are on a two-year stuttered deferred rotation grazing system, this being the 1st. year of the stutter.

- Permitted Livestock Brands



II. COMPLIANCE

- Upon signature, these Annual Operating Instructions supplement and are part of your Term Grazing Permit #__60126__ consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a) of the General Provisions and Requirements.
- Situations may develop during the grazing season, which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some parts of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.
- Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and this instruction will result in permit action, which can include suspension or cancellation of part or all of your Term Grazing Permit.
- By USDA order 04-00-097, all non-pelletized hay, straw, or mulch possessed, stored, or transported on National Forest System Lands, in individual bales or containers, must be tagged or marked as noxious weed free, or must have the original and current evidence of noxious weed free certification documentation present. All markings must meet the State and/or county standards for certification as noxious weed free.
- As a reminder, requests for nonuse of term grazing permits for personal convenience must be made annually by the permittee in writing sufficiently in advance of the start of the permitted grazing season, (normally 30 days). Full or partial permittee convenience nonuse may be approved for no more than three consecutive years and not more than four years in any ten year period. As the term permit holder, you are responsible for the maintenance on all assigned improvements on your permitted allotments during the nonuse period.

III. 2015 GRAZING RESULTS

IV. BILLING

- Grazing fees for 2016 are \$2.11 per head month and the unauthorized use fee is \$10.68 per head month.
- Payment of your grazing bill is preferably due five days prior to your earliest turnout date, to allow time for processing. As a reminder, the Forest Service is required to give permittees a minimum of 30 days to pay grazing fees. Placing livestock on the allotment prior to payment is non-compliance with Part 2, item 3 of the grazing permit and will be charged at the unauthorized use rate, and may include suspension or cancellation of the grazing permit.

V. LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

- Grazing System: McDonald Creek C&H- Deferred Rotation
Pixley Creek C&H- Stuttered Deferred Rotation
Yankee bill CS&H- Stuttered Deferred Rotation
- Authorized use dates (turn –on & turn- off) are tentative and depend on rang readiness, forage utilization and resource conditions during the entire grazing season. Livestock remaining on the allotment past the authorized use date will be billed at the unauthorized use rate.
- Permittees are responsible for monitoring forage utilization within the allotment. Before allowable forage use rates are met in identified key use areas, livestock will be herded to another area or removed from the allotment.
- Owners of permitted livestock must comply with State of Nevada laws and regulations.
- **Trailing:** Livestock are to be trailed on roads, and will be controlled to prevent entry onto burned areas along the route. Permittee must notify the Range Management Specialist of exact trailing dates, which will not exceed 1-3 days.
 - Permittee will trail livestock from private ground (Wagner) to the private square corrals on top of Yankee Bill Summit. From Yankee Bill Summit, livestock will trail on FS road 936 until reaching Dip Creek. After crossing Dip Creek, livestock will trail south to the Pixley Creek allotment boundary fence and will follow the fence line until reaching the Allegheny Unit of Pixley Creek C&H.
 - From the Allegheny unit, livestock will be trailed to the Big Bottom unit (McDonald C&H) avoiding burned areas. Livestock will be moved north on FS road 932 and will enter the McDonald allotment near Enright Hill. From Enright Hill, cattle will trail east towards Sand Creek and onto the Big Bottom unit.

- From the Big Bottom unit, livestock will be trailed north up FS road 931 and off the Forest. At no time are livestock authorized to be off the road when trailing through rested units of the McDonald Creek C&H and Cat Creek C&H grazing allotments.

VI. HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (LRMP) STANDARDS AND GUIDES.

- Allowable use is the degree of grazing specified for a particular area and/or plant(s). You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached. You should plan to move cattle to the next pasture or area in your rotation or off the allotment, before allowable use has been reached. This will be done regardless of the time remaining in the grazing season or how many Head Months you have paid for. If you need assistance determining use levels or identifying key areas, please do not hesitate to contact the Rangeland Management Specialist.
- Management will be directed toward having riparian areas in good or better ecological condition and stable or upward trend.
- Utilization is based on current year's growth for browse and shrubs. The utilization percentages represent the maximum that will be allowed based on current livestock practices and is measured as point in time. The following utilization standards will be the maximum utilization levels allowed for all herbivores on key vegetative species.
- **Amendment 2 of the Humboldt-Toiyabe LRMP Dated July 1990:**
 - The maximum utilization levels would normally be used only where the plant community is at or near the desired future condition.
 - The listed value is the maximum rate which can be prescribed unless otherwise approved by the Forest Supervisor.
 - In most instances utilization would be lower for the higher value management categories; however, this can vary according to ecological conditions and key species.
 - Key species can vary by range site and management systems.
 - Proper use based on the utilization of shrubs will normally not exceed 35% of the current year's growth.
 - Under the High Intensity short duration (early season), timing in relation to the period remaining for regrowth is key. The system is dependent upon sufficient regrowth to meet plant physiological needs and other resource values. Physical damage to the vegetative and soils resources needs to be considered.

- Sediment entrapment is essential to streambank restoration. If this is an objective at least 3-4 inches of herbaceous stubble height is needed on site during high flow periods.

ALLOTMENT: PIXLEY CREEK C&H

Category	Area Name	Key Species	Utilization
Class II	Lower Dip Creek Pixley Creek S Fork California Creek Springs & Seeps	Desirable grasses and sedges	45%
Class III	N Fork Allegheny Creek S Fork Allegheny Creek Springs & Seeps	Desirable grasses and sedges	55%
Class IV	Big Springs Creek Baker Creek Upper Dip Creek N Fork California Basin	Desirable grasses and sedges	55%
Class V	California Basin	Desirable grasses and sedges	65%
Uplands	All Units	Bluebunch wheatgrass Idaho Fescue	60%
Upland Browse	All Units	Bitterbrush Aspen	35%
Riparian Browse	All Streams	Willow/Aspen	50%

ALLOTMENT: MCDONALD CREEK C&H

Category	Area Name	Key Species	Utilization
Class II	McDonald Creek Bruneau River Indian Johnnie	Desirable grasses and sedges	45%
Class III	N ½ Indian Johnnie Springs & Seeps	Desirable grasses and sedges	55%
Class IV	Burnt Timber Creek Snowshoe Gulch Blackbird Gulch Log Gulch Slaterock Creek Trail Gulch Taylor Creek Springs & Seeps	Desirable grasses and sedges	55%
Class V	Alder Creek Deadhorse Draw E Fork Robinson Cyn. Timber Gulch Robinson Cyn. Springs & Seeps	Desirable grasses and sedges	55%
Uplands	Allotment Wide	Idaho Fescue Bluebunch wheatgrass	60%
Upland Browse	Allotment Wide	Bitterbrush	35%
Riparian Browse	Allotment Wide	Willows Aspen and understory	35%

Sagebrush community	Allotment Wide	Desirable grasses and forbs and browse	55%
Mtn. Mahogany	Allotment Wide	Mountain Mahogany	30%
Upland mesic riparian sites	Allotment Wide	Desirable grasses and sedges	45%

ALLOTMENT: YANKEE BILL C&H

Category	Area Name	Key Species	Utilization**
Class II	Merritt Creek Lower Walker Creek Lower Ditch Creek Springs & Seeps	Desirable grasses and sedges	45%
Class III	Corral Creek Clover Creek Upper Ditch Creek Upper Walker Creek Yankee Bill Gulch Springs & Seeps	Desirable grasses and sedges	55%
Class IV	Sagehen Creek Sagehen Basin	Desirable grasses and sedges	55%
Uplands	All Units	Desirable grasses	60%
Upland Browse	All Units	Desirable browse	50%
Riparian Browse	All Streams	Desirable browse	35%

VII. RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

- Range structural improvements will be constructed and maintained to facilitate proper use of the range resource.
- Range improvements must be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotment(s). Please be aware that it is necessary to plan projects with at least one-year lead-time to allow for the required documentation and clearances. Please work with the Rangeland Management Specialist to develop a schedule for large projects.

McDonald Creek C&H

Improvement	TYPE	INFRA #	Location	Maintenance Responsibility
Big Table	Water Dvlp.- Pit Tank	11010	T46N R55E Sec 1 SW ¼ NE ¼	Permittee
Rock	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11012	T46N R55E Sec 14 SE ¼ SE ¼	Permittee
Robinson	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11018	T46N R55E Sec 35 SE ¼ NE ¼	Permittee
E Robinson Sprg	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11019	T46N R55E Sec 2 SW ¼ NE ¼	Permittee
Big Hole	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11020	T46N R55E Sec 2	Permittee

Indian Johnnie	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11021	T46N R55E Sec 23 SE ¼ NE ¼	Permittee
Burnt Timber	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11038	T45N R54E Sec 14 NW ¼ NE ¼	Permittee
Timber Gulch	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11032	T47N R55E Sec 36 SE ¼ SE ¼	Permittee
Robinson Fork	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11039	T47N R55E Sec 35 SE ¼ SE ¼	Permittee
Alder Gulch	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11040	T46N R55E Sec 33 NE ¼ NW ¼	Permittee
Log Gulch	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11041	T46N R55E Sec 32 NE ¼ NW ¼	Permittee
Big Table #2	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11042	T46N R55E Sec 1 NW ¼ SW ¼	Permittee
Taylor Creek	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11043	T46N R55E Sec 11 NE ¼ NE ¼	Permittee
Silk Farm	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11044	T46N R55W Sec 5 SE ¼ SE ¼	Permittee
Solid Clay	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11045	T46N R55E Sec 7 SE ¼ SE ¼	Permittee
What & Eye	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11046	T46N R55E Sec 8 SE ¼ NW ¼	Permittee
Ugly Bug	Water Dlp.-Pit Tank	11047	T46N R55E Sec 4 SW ¼ NW ¼	Permittee
Unit – Bdry	Fence-Boundary		T46N R55E Sec 1,2,3,4,8,9	Permittee
	Fence-Boundary		T47N R55E Sec 29,32,33	Permittee
Allotment – Bdry	Fence-Allot. Boundary		T47N R55E Sec 28,29,30, 31	Permittee
			T46N R55E Sec 8,9,17,18	Permittee
			T46N R54E Sec 24	Permittee
			T47N R55E Sec 26,33,34,35	Permittee
			T47N R56E Sec 6,7,18	Permittee
Allegheny Pasture	Fence-Interior	12230	T45N R54E Sec 18	Permittee
		12231	T45N R54E Sec 13	Permittee
N Boundary	Fence	12232	T46N R54E Sec 10,11,12,13,15	Permittee
W Boundary	Fence	12233	T45N R54E Sec 2,3,11,14,36	Permittee

McDonald Creek C&H Cont.

Improvement	TYPE	INFRA #	Location	Maintenance Responsibility
W Boundary	Fence	12234	T46N R54E Sec 21,22,23,25,26	Permittee
E Boundary	Fence	12235	T46N R55E Sec 20,30,31	Permittee

		12236	T45N R55E Sec 19	Permittee
Rock Spring	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11001	T46N R55E Sec 12 SW ¼ SE ¼	Permittee
W Robinson Crk #1	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11008	T47N R55E Sec 35 SW ¼ NW ¼	Permittee
Timber Gulch	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11009	T47N R55E Sec 31 SE ¼ SW ¼	Permittee
Deadhorse Draw	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11013	T47N R55E Sec 34 NE ¼ SW ¼	Permittee
W Robinson Sprg #2	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11015	T47N R55E Sec 35 NW ¼ SW ¼	Permittee
Robinson Canyon Sprg	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11016	T47N R55E Sec 36 NE ¼ NW ¼	Permittee
Big Table	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11017	T46N R54E Sec 1 SW ¼ NE ¼	Permittee
Homestead	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11023	T46N R55E Sec 12 SE ¼ NE ¼	Permittee
Paiute Spring	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11027	T46N R55E Sec 15 SW ¼ SW ¼	Permittee
Paiute Spring Exclosure	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11026	T46N R54E Sec 15 SW ¼ SW ¼	Permittee
Cricket Spring	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11028	T46N R54E Sec 15 SW ¼ SE ¼	Permittee
Mahogany Spring #1	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11029	T46N R54E Sec 9 NE ¼ SE ¼	Permittee
Big Bottom #1	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11030	T46N R54E Sec 10 SW ¼ SE ¼	Permittee
Double	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11024	T46N R56E Sec 6 NW ¼ SW ¼	Permittee
Burnt Timber	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11025	T46N R54E Sec 11 NE ¼ SW ¼	Permittee
Big Bottom #2	Water Dvlp.- Trough	11031	T46N R55E Sec 10 SE ¼ NE ¼	Permittee
Taylor Creek	Cattleguard		T46N R55E Sec 9	USFS
Bieroth Place	Cattleguard		T47N R55E Sec 33	USFS
Taylor Creek	Cattleguard		T46N R56E Sec 18	USFS

Pixley Creek C&H:

Improvement	TYPE	INFRA#	Location	Maintenance Responsibility
Rolling Fog	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12201	T45N R54E Sec 19	Permittee
Water Trough	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12202	T45N R54E Sec 13	Permittee
Second Chance	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12203	T45N R54E Sec 13	Permittee
Ricks	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12204	T45N R54E Sec 7	Permittee
Juniper	Water Dvlp. –	12205	T45N R54E Sec 7	Permittee

	Pit Tank			
Beaver	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12206	T45N R54E Sec 1	Permittee
Allegheny Reservior #3	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12214	T45N R54E Sec 20	Permittee
S Allegheny	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12215	T45N R54E Sec 19	Permittee

Fenceline	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12207	T45N R54E Sec 2	Permittee
Blake Creek	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12208	T45N R54E Sec 12	Permittee
Pixley Creek	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12209	T45N R54E Sec 31	Permittee
Ridgeline	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12210	T45N R54E Sec 30	Permittee
S Fork Pixley Creek	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12211	T45N R54E Sec 30	Permittee
Baker Creek	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12212	T45N R54E Sec 12	Permittee
Allegheny	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12216	T45N R54E Sec 18	Permittee
Transient Camp	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12217	T45N R54E Sec 24	Permittee
Lower Allegheny	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12218	T45N R54E Sec 14	Permittee
Buds Camp	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12219	T45N R54E Sec 13	Permittee
Aspen	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12237	T45N R54E Sec 19	Permittee
Jenkins Spring	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12238	T45N R54E Sec 17	Permittee
Dip Creek Unit				
Alarm Clock	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12220	T46N R54E Sec 14	Permittee
Sheep Line	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12221	T46N R54E Sec 26	Permittee
Dipity Do Da	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12222	T46N R54E Sec 23	Permittee
Kaufman	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12223	T46N R54E Sec 14	Permittee
Tip Top	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12224	T46N R54E Sec 15	Permittee
Willow	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12225	T46N R54E Sec 15	Permittee
Ross Gulch	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12226	T46N R54E Sec 16	Permittee
Corral	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12227	T46N R54E Sec 11	Permittee

Summit	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12239	T46N R54E Sec 14	Permittee
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Yankee Bill C&H:

Improvement	TYPE	INFRA#	Location	Maintenance Responsibility
Clover Creek Reservoir	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12301	T47N R54E Sec 36	Permittee
Side Draw	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12302	T46N R54E Sec 22	Permittee
Silver Bell	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12303	T46N R54E Sec 12	Permittee
Dick Wallen	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12304	T46N R54E Sec 11	Permittee
Square Corral	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12305	T47N R54E Sec 34	Permittee
Steep Draw	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12306	T46N R54E Sec 3	Permittee
Walker Creek	Water Dvlp. – Pit Tank	12307	T46N R54E Sec 4	Permittee
Simplot	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12308	T47N R54E Sec 25	Permittee
Headquarters	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12309	T47N R54E Sec 26	Permittee
Corral Creek	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12319	T46N R54E Sec 1	Permittee

E Fork Merritt Creek	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12314	T46N R54E Sec 30	Permittee
Upper Square Corral	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12318	T47N R54E Sec 35	Permittee
Lower Square Corral	Water Dvlp. – Trough	12319	T47N R54E Sec 34	Permittee
Interior Division	Fence- Interior division	12315	T47N R54E Sec 34,35	Permittee
			T46N R54E Sec 2,11,12	Permittee
Bruneau Sheep Headquarters	Fence-		T47N R54E Sec 26	Permittee
N Northwest Boundry	Fence-Boundry		T47N R54E Sec 25,26,34	Permittee
West Bounddry	Fence-Boundry	12313	T46N R54E Sec 3,4	Permittee
East Boundry	Fence-Boundry		T47N R54 ½ E Sec 31	Permittee
Merrit Creek Riparian Pasture	Fence-Interior pasture	12316	T47N R54E Sec 34	Permittee

2016 Projects: Listed below are agreed to maintenance and improvement projects that will be completed in the current grazing season.

Improvement	Description	FS Contribution	Permittee Contribution	INFRA#

VIII. PERMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS

- Place salt or supplement at least 200 yards from water sources, trailheads, roads, and key areas. Salt will be removed before maximum allowable use levels have been reached and at the end of the grazing season. Salt fed in loose form shall be contained to keep it from spilling onto the ground. Salt or supplement will be removed from a pasture when the livestock are removed.
- Your assistance in locating noxious weed sites and reporting them to your Forest Officer is greatly appreciated. If you are able and willing to assist in treating noxious weeds, please work with your Forest Officer to determine how best to help.
- If you spot a wildfire, report it immediately to the interagency dispatch center in Elko, NV at (775) 748-4000
- The permittee will insure that all personnel performing on the ground livestock management are thoroughly familiar with the terms of the grazing permit and annual operating instructions.

IX. REQUIRED REPORTING

- Enclosed is a Grazing Use Record for the upcoming season. Please use this form to record the dates livestock spend on the allotment as well as other information such as livestock loss, grazing use, resource concerns, improvement needs/maintenance costs, etc. The grazing use record should be submitted to the district office by December 31, 2016.

X. INSPECTIONS & MONITORING

- Range Readiness- Livestock will not be placed on the allotment until soils are dry enough to prevent damage to vegetation or increase soil erosion, and when key plants are phonologically ready to be grazed.

XI. COORDINATION & COOPERATION

XII. OTHER

- In case of any deceased livestock, notify a Forest Officer, determine the impact to the public, move out of water to the first flood plain, and move away from trails, roads, etc.

XIII. MAPS, FORMS, & ATTACHMENTS

- You will find attached to your AOI a Grazing Use Record

XIV. SIGNATURE BLOCK

Recommended by: _____
Rangeland Management Specialist Date

Signed by: _____
Permittee or Authorized Representative Date

Approved by: _____
District Ranger Date

